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TEHRAN AND BUCHAREST FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

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SUBJ: AFGHAN INVITATION TO PRESIDENT FORD

1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH TOLD ME MORNING NOVEMBER 2 THAT PRESIDENT DAOUD HAD BEEN MOST PLEASED WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT THE PREVIOUS DAY AND CONSIDERED IT OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE FOR AFGHANISTAN.

2. ABDULLAH WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH DAOUD THE POSSIBILITY OF SUGGESTING TO THE SECRETARY THAT THE JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED AFTER THEIR TALKS INCLUDE REFERENCE TO AN INVITATION TO PRESIDENT FORD TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN. DAOUD HAD DECIDED NOT TO DO THIS, PARTLY BECAUSE SUCH AN INVITATION HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE JOINT STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ISLAMABAD AND HE DID NOT WANT TO APPEAR TO BE APING THE PAKISTANIS. ABDULLAH SAID THAT DAOUD WOULD, HOWEVER, BE WRITING PRESIDENT FORD SOON TO INVITE HIM TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN NEXT YEAR.
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